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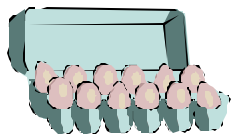
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were higher in Boston and Chicago. In most other areas, prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand continued in a full range of light to very good. Supplies were adequate to tight. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to barely adequate and demand for additional eggs was light to moderate. Light type fowl were sufficient. Slaughter schedules were normal to reduced for the holiday.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Boston, prices were unchanged to 4 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to 2 cents higher for mediums. In Philadelphia and New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand into all channels was moderate to good, best into holiday feature activity. Supplies were generally adequate for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate, but sharply reduced for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were about normal. Light type fowl were adequate and demand was fair at best. Processing schedules were regular to reduced for the holiday.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets ranged moderate to good. Supplies were generally adequate for trade needs.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 4 cents higher for large, 2 cents higher for medium and were unchanged for small. Prices unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment ended the week firm. Retail demand was good to very good, best for feature activity. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were closely balanced to tight. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to instances barely adequate for the light demand. Some breakers continued to move additional nest run product into the more attractively priced graded channels. Breakers were still reducing schedules due to price relationships and upcoming holidays. Floor stocks were mostly adequate to at times close. The trade sentiment was steady.

CHICAGO Prices for extra large and large increased 4 cents, mediums improved 2 cents. The trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand ranged from light to good, best where features are a factor. Supplies adequate to barely adequate.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were generally trending higher than current week. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate to good and best where features were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were generally adequate. Breaking stock supplies were sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were adequate for normal to reduced processing schedules due to the upcoming holiday.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was very firm with asking prices for next week throughout the region 9 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 6 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings light.

PRICES TO RETAILERS - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	114-127	112-124	74-82
New York	100-102	97-100	81-84
Philadelphia	85-100	83-98	72-81
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	83-84	81.5-83	68-69
Jackson (1)	92-93	91-92	78-79
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	85-100	84-98	71-85
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	88-93	87-92	70-75
Detroit (2)	76-79	75-78	60-63
Major Ohio Cities (2)	75-83	74-81	60-67
Major Wisconsin Cities	80-87	78-85	64-71
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	93-96	89-92	77-80
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	102-114	100-107	89-95
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	118	110	99

(1) - Prices Reported Weekly (3) - Reported Invoice Prices
(2) - Delivered Warehouse (4) - Prices To Retailers

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was very firm with asking prices for next week 9 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 6 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings light. Small invoice price 79. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 129, extra large dozen 119, large dozen 99.

CALIFORNIA

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	130
EXTRA LARGE	118
LARGE	110
MEDIUM	99

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	117-127
EXTRA LARGE	102-114
LARGE	100-107
MEDIUM	89-95

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-259
LARGE	199-219
MEDIUM	187-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Demand was light for the adequate to instances barely adequate offers. Some breakers moving additional nest run product into attractively priced grading channels. Breakers continuing to reduce schedules due to price relationships and upcoming holidays. Floor stocks mostly adequate to at times close. Trade sentiment steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	38-42	40-42
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	24-27	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate for adequate but sharply reduced offerings. Schedules were about normal. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending December 09, 2000 were 1% less than the previous week, and 15% less than a year earlier. PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	34-38	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	20-27	20-25

EASTERN REGION AREA:

AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 09-Dec-00
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,082,992	25,934	9,904	5,517	2,322	3,849
PW	1,163,273	28,238	10,435	5,566	2,570	4,212
LY	1,252,677	28,840	12,003	6,585	2,738	4,170
% PW	-7	-8	-5	-1	-10	-9
% LY	-14	-10	-17	-16	-15	-8
2000	57,156,950	1,303,055	569,066	306,376	135,071	191,439
1999	55,155,154	1,268,882	527,436	289,906	126,172	175,646

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
	41.74	41.65	41.19

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported in a range of 56 to 61.5 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was steady to mostly barely steady for whole egg, fully steady for whites, and barely steady to weak for yolk. Offerings were available for whole egg, adequate for whites, adequate to instances fully adequate for yolk. Trading and demand moderate to instances good on all product with whites in the strongest position. Most breakers maintaining low inventories on shell eggs due to price relationships and upcoming holiday schedules. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 15 December, 2000 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	18	29.5-31	30.47	-.62
WHITES	11	23-24.5	23.68	2.18
YOLKS	13	50-56	53.73	-.98

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Generally as the holiday approaches the undertone was no better than steady on yolks, mixed but improved on whites and unsettled on whole. Trading was light with buyers usually on the side line and sellers cautious as breaking stocks prices trended higher. Supplies were about adequate. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending December 09, 2000 were 44% less than last week and 59% less than a year ago. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	47-50	48-49	54-56
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		67-90
WHITES	35-37		41-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	67-71	69-70	70-74
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	64-68	66-68	67-70
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg range unchanged to 1 cent higher, whites increased 1 cent, salt and sugar yolk unchanged from last week. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on whites, mostly steady on balance of frozen product. Offers of frozen product adequate for current demand. Demand centered around immediate and seasonal needs. Most processors reluctant to build frozen inventories at current price relationships. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	47-50	48-49
WHITES	35-37	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	68-71	69
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-68	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 12/9 was unchanged from the previous week. Breaking stock and liquid adequate. Frozen demand good and freezer stocks adequate. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	RANGE
WHOLE	55-58
WHITES	41-44
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	76-79
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	73-76

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices were unchanged to higher on blends, other items were mostly unchanged when compared to a week earlier. The market tone was seasonal as sellers look at higher costs for drying and buyers usually on the sidelines for end of the year purchases. Demand was irregular with traders cautious. However, trading was noted into the first quarter. Supplies were generally adequate for most trade needs. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending December 09, 2000 were 10% less than last week, and 15% less than the same week a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.70-1.90	MOSTLY 1.75-1.85
YOLKS	1.48-1.70	MOSTLY 1.55-1.60
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.65-3.05	MOSTLY 2.70-2.90
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.28-1.42	MOSTLY 1.30-1.40

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 08, 00-DEC 14, 00

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS							
96.00								84.50							
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW		TOTAL LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	67.10	73.23	69.38	70.33	65.00	65.80	88.00	GNR W 1	—	74.75	—	74.00	—	77.00	26.00
GNR W 2	—	64.00	—	—	59.81	58.00	10.00	GNR W 2	—	70.00	—	—	—	—	7.00
GNR W 3	—	65.00	51.00	54.00	49.50	—	6.00	GNR W 3	—	56.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	46.20	47.80	5.00	GNR BR 1	—	71.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR BR XL	—	—	—	75.00	—	—	.75	GL W J	—	—	—	—	85.50	88.00	.25
GNR BR 1	—	62.00	63.00	71.00	—	—	4.00	GL W XL	—	83.00	—	—	82.50	83.06	6.50
GNR BR 2	—	—	—	75.00	—	—	1.75	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	80.50	85.55	10.75
GL W J	—	—	63.50	65.00	—	—	.25	GL W MD	57.00	—	—	—	66.50	63.44	3.25
GL W XL	—	90.00	76.00	80.88	73.85	—	12.00								
GL W LG	—	90.00	86.00	86.50	71.92	—	17.00								
GL W MD	—	64.00	59.67	64.25	61.50	62.80	21.75								
GL W SM	—	—	31.79	33.29	—	—	3.50								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	46.00	2.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	18.00	20.00	—	—	.25								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for a demand that was fair at best and generally unaggressive. Finished product sales were clearing available supplies. Processing schedules range from normal to reduced for the holiday. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few sales to report prices. Demand was light to moderate for reduced but adequate offerings. Finished sales remained seasonally good. Schedules were reduced to normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offers were adequate to fully adequate for the fair demand. Slaughter schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked moderate schedules. Offerings irregular until after the first of the year.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0-0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0-.25 (2)	
(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading		
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT		

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 15-DEC-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	95.75	93.37	79.27
SOUTHERN	86.84	85.13	70.55
MIDWEST	81.61	80.36	65.82
WESTERN	109.84	104.18	92.80
TWELVE METRO AREAS	96.76	93.49	80.26
COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS			

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Prices were mixed but generally unchanged on light canners, and higher on heavies when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to good, best on heavies. Supplies were sufficient on lights but occasionally short to adequate on heavy canners. Undertone was at best steady on lights and fully steady on heavies.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
21-26.5 MAJORITY 21-24	31-35 MAJORITY 32.5-34
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-29.5 MAJORITY 25	32-37 MAJORITY 33-36

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 09-DEC-00

(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,927	1,353	3,280
LAST WEEK	1,876	1,346	3,222
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,167	1,425	3,592
TO-DATE/2000	92,378	70,585	162,963
TO-DATE/1999	100,886	69,171	170,057

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	447	11	458
LAST WEEK	376	11	387
SAME WEEK YR AGO	488	0	488
TO-DATE/2000	21,895	387	22,282
TO-DATE/1999	22,413	282	22,695

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,374	1,364	3,738
LAST WEEK	2,252	1,357	3,609
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,655	1,425	4,080
TO-DATE/2000	114,273	70,972	185,245
TO-DATE/1999	123,299	69,453	192,752

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Dec 02, 2000		Year-To-Date	
2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Liquid	91	229	7,077
Frozen	0	0	239
Dried	74	35	577
Total	165	264	7,893

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Dec 02, 2000		Year-To-Date	
2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Liquid	54	121	4,683
Frozen	23	10	852
Dried	20	100	840
Total	97	231	6,375

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Dec 02, 2000		Year-To-Date	
2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Jumbo	80	45	2,271
Extra Large	1,100	139	48,746
Large	3,910	3,185	137,587
Medium	2,058	1,688	37,117
Ungraded	6,750	9,930	381,584
Misc	0	0	11,837
Total	13,898	14,987	619,142

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
84-87	75-81	73-78	58-63	29-33

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS). CENTS PER DOZEN

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
67-69	49-51	11-13

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
122-125	106-109	103-106	61-64	17-20

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
FEDERAL-STATE
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 11-Dec-00	3,943	70,827	73,666
AM 1-Dec-00	4,435	71,624	75,849
CHG	-492	-797	-2183
PCT CHG	-11	-1	-3

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 09-Dec-00

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	24.6	24.8	-1	-15
BOSTON	4.5	4.4	2	36
CHICAGO	50.2	46.3	8	0
DETROIT	38.0	29.5	29	13
KANSAS CITY	3.6	5.7	-37	-22
LOS ANGELES	123.4	137.3	-10	21
NEW ORLEANS	8.5	8.2	4	-39
NEW YORK	30.3	27.9	9	-23
ST. LOUIS	16.9	12.2	39	8
SAN FRANCISCO	22.8	20.9	9	2
TOTAL	322.8	317.2	2	3
4 WK MVG AVG	337.1			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 09-Dec-00

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	231.0	6	-5
E.N. CENTRAL	534.3	-5	10
W.N. CENTRAL	262.0	-3	6
S. ATLANTIC	213.9	0	-2
S. CENTRAL	79.5	-2	16
WEST	234.2	8	7
TOTAL	1554.9	0	5

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 90 90

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG DECEMBER 12, 2000.

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	128	126	88	50
	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	122-126	120-124	81-85	43-47
	124-125	122-123	83-84	45-46
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	127-131	124-128	85-89	46-50
	127	124	85	46
VERMONT MOSTLY	130-131	126-129	89-91	-
	131	129	91	-

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